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ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2 FOR ACTION FROM CSCAD WC
REQUEST THAT AFFIDAVIT BE OBTAINED FROM STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH HENRY ROBERTSON cma
SIX FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE FIVE NINE cma AREA SERVICE UNIT cma WYOMING STATE SENIOR
INSTRUCTOR ORGANIZED RESERVE RELATIVE TO HIS KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING SATORU NAKAZAWA cma
FORMER JAPANESE NAVY MEDICAL OFFICER AT NICHOLS FIELD AND LAS PINAS AIRFIELD cma
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OF POW MEDICAL CORPS PERSONNEL AND POW PATIENTS query DOES AFFIANT HAVE KNOWLEDGE
RELATIVE TO COMPARISON FOOD CONDITIONS BETWEEN LAS PINAS AND BILIBID PRISON query
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ATTENTION CHIEF WAR CRIMES DEFENSE DIVISION pd FORWARD TWO SIGNED COPIES AFFIDAVIT
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ROBERTSON, S/Sgt. Joseph H.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, 1660 E. Hyde Park Blvd. Chicago 15, Illinois, 6 November 1947.

TO: Chief, Civil Affairs Division, SS, U. S. Army, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Attached are two signed copies of affidavit from S/Sgt. Joseph H. Robertson.

2. In accordance with instructions contained in basic communication (TWX your office), original and two signed copies of affidavit were sent by Air Mail direct to Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., Attn: Chief, War Crimes Def. Div. this date, per inclosed copy of letter.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

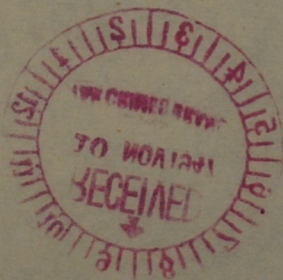
DELBERT B. DORMAN
Captain, Inf.
War Crimes Branch
Office of AC of S., G-2

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Incl. #1 - w/d

Incl. #2 - 3 copies w/d

Incl. #3 - Cpy ltr to CG, 8th Army fr Hq. 5th Army dtd 6 Nov '47



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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, 1660 E. Hyde Park Blvd. Chicago 15, Illinois, 30 October 1947.

TO: Wyoming State Senior Instructor, ORC, Fort F.E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo,

Forwarded for compliance with requests contained in letter of instructions, this headquarters, dated 30 October 1947.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER;

Delbert B. Dorman

DELBERT B. DORMAN
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Office of AC of S., G-2

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Ltr fr Hq. 5th Army dtd 30 Oct '47 w/incls.

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RA 6581159

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Office of the Senior Instructor, Organized Reserves, State of Wyoming,
Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming
4 November 1947

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, 1660 East Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago
15, Illinois. ATTN: AC of S, G2

Fully executed deposition is forwarded herewith.

FOR THE SENIOR INSTRUCTOR:

Howard W. Brimmer

HOWARD W. BRIMMER
Lt. Colonel, F.A.
Executive Officer

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2-Deposition (in quint)

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6 November 1947.

VIA AIR MAIL

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ROBERTSON, S/Sgt., Joseph H.

SUBJECT: War Crimes Testimony

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army
APO 343, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Attn: Chief, War Crimes Defense Division

Inclosed copies of affidavit from S/Sgt. Joseph H. Robertson, Ft. F.E. Warren, Wyoming, forwarded in compliance with request contained in attached copy TWX from War Dept. Civil Affairs Div., War Crimes Branch, Washington 25, D.C., received Hq. 5th Army on 29 October 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL;

DELBERT B. DORMAN
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Incl. #1- Cpy TWX fr WD, CAD, Washington rec'd Hq. 5th Army 10/29/47

Incl. #2- Affidavit "In the matter of efforts made by Satoru Nakazawa, former Jap Navy Medical Officer, in treatment of POW Medical Corps Personnel and food conditions at Las Pinas and Bilibid Prison"-in trip.

cc-Chief, CAD, WC branch, Washington 25, D.C. ✓

Incl. #3

For the WAR CRIMES OFFICE
CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION, WDSS
United States of America

SUBJECT: In the matter of efforts made by Satoru Nakazawa, former Japanese Navy Medical Officer, in treatment of POW Medical Corps Personnel and food conditions at Las Pinas and Bilibid Prison. Perpetuation of Testimony of S. Sgt Joseph Henry Robertson, RA 6581159, 5262d ASU, Wyo St Sr Instr, Org Res, Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming.

Taken at:

Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming

Date:

3 November 1947

In the Presence of:

Lt. Colonel Howard W. Brimmer, O-12221, PA, 5262d ASU, Wyoming State Senior Instructor, Organized Reserves, Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming

Questions by:

Lt. Colonel Howard W. Brimmer

- Q. State your name, permanent home address, and occupation.
- A. S. Sgt Joseph Henry Robertson, RA 6581159, 1009 Pilot Butte Avenue, Rock Springs, Wyoming, Soldier.
- Q. State the date and place of your birth and of what country you are a citizen.
- A. 2 August 1917. Mineral, Kansas. U.S.A.
- Q. What educational institutions have you attended and for how long?
- A. Yellowstone Elementary School, Rock Springs, Wyoming - 8 years.
Rock Springs High School, Rock Springs, Wyoming - 4 years.
Riverside Junior College, Riverside, California - 2 years.
- Q. At what places were you employed prior to entering the Service and what was the nature of your occupation?
- A. U.P. Coal Company, Rock Springs, Wyoming. Electric Motor Operator.
- Q. What is your marital status?
- A. Married.
- Q. On what date did you return from overseas?
- A. 30 October 1945.
- Q. Were you a prisoner of war?
- A. Yes. bilibid prison to Las Pinas in April 1944. bilibid prison to Las Pinas.
- Q. At what places were you held and state the approximate dates.
- A. Corregidor - 6 May 42 to 1 Jul 42
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(Cont'd: Testimony of S. Sgt Joseph Henry Robertson, 3 November 1947)

Q. What unit were you with when captured:

A. General Hospital #1, Little Baguio, P.I.

Q. Do you recall a former Japanese Navy Medical Officer by the name of Satoru Nakazawa, who was at Nichols Field and Las Pinas Airfield, Manila, P.I.?

A. Yes.

Q. What were his duties at both of these places?

A. He was the Senior Japanese Doctor in charge of Nichols Field and Las Pinas.

Q. To what extent were efforts made by Nakazawa in treating or mistreating prisoners of war Medical Corps personnel and prisoner of war patients?

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Q. Can you give the names of any person (or persons) who was the object of this treatment?

A. All American personnel benefited by the visits of Dr. Nakazawa.

Q. What knowledge do you have relative to the comparison of food conditions between Las Pinas and Bilibid Prison?

A. The food condition was much worse at Bilibid than at Las Pinas. When I went from Bilibid Prison to Las Pinas in April 1944, I weighed 130 pounds. I gained about 35 pounds from April 1944 to October 1944 while at Las Pinas.

Place: Fort Francis S. Warren, Wyoming

Date: 3 November 1947

(Signature of Interrogator)

Lt. Colonel Field Artillery
(Rank and Organization)

(Cont'd: Testimony of S. Sgt Joseph Henry Robertson, 3 November 1947)

CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION, WFO
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Q. Do you have anything further to add?

A. No.

in the author of efforts made by
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Perpetration of Testimony

of S. Sgt Joseph Henry

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Witness at:

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In the Presence of:

STATE OF) WYOMING

COUNTY OF) LARAMIE

Lt. Colonel Howard W. Brimmer, O-22221, FA,
5040d AMB, Wyoming State Senior Instructor,
Organized Reserves, Fort Francis E. Warren,
Wyoming

Lt. Colonel Howard W. Brimmer

I, Joseph Henry Robertson, RA6581159, of lawful age, being duly sworn on
oath, state that I have read the foregoing transcription of my interrogation
and all answers contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and
belief.

State the date and place of your birth

I signed 1947. Classified, Secret, S. Sgt.

JOSEPH HENRY ROBERTSON, S. Sgt
RA6581159

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this third day of November 1947.

Following the foregoing, I have signed and sworn to the foregoing

Book Springs High School, Book Springs, Colorado

Alameda Police College, Alameda, California

At what place were you employed prior to

was the offense of your commission

U.S. Civil Service, Book Springs, Colorado

What is your present status

Retired.

At what place were you held and state

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I, Howard W. Brimmer, Lt. Colonel, FA, certify that S. Sgt. Joseph Henry

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HOWARD W. BRIMMER, Lt. Col., FA
Summary Court Officer
Par 16 SO #118 Hq Fifth Army
dated 26 November 1946

CERTIFICATE

(Signature of Interrogator)

Lt. Colonel, Field Artillery
(Rank and Organization)

(Confidential) For the WAR CRIMES OFFICE
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Place: Fort Francis A. Baven, Bataan

Date: 3 November 1947

(Signature of Interpreter)

Las Pinas, Field Station
(Rank and Organization)

(Cont'd: Testimony of S. Sgt Joseph Henry Robertson, 3 November 1947)

Q. Do you have anything further to add?

A. No.

Joseph Henry Robertson
JOSEPH H HENRY ROBERTSON, S. Sgt
RA6581159

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STATE OF) WYOMING
COUNTY OF) LARAMIE

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JOSEPH HENRY ROBERTSON, S. Sgt
RA6581159

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HOWARD W. BRIDGEMAN, Lt. Col., FA
Summary Court Officer
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dated 26 November 1946

CERTIFICATE

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